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Title : Need to discontinue the practice of issuing Diplomate of National Board Certificate by National Board Examinations in order to maintain Standard in Medical Education in the country.

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI (BAPATLA): Sir, the National Board of Examination was established by the Government to evaluate wide disparities in standards of medical education in various universities and to standardise the same. Subsequently, NBE started issuing DNB (Diplomate of National Board) Certificates and directed that the same be treated equivalent to post-graduate and post-doctoral degrees conferred by medical colleges and institutions like AIIMS. This is highly irregular as NBE is neither affiliated to any university created by an Act of Parliament nor affiliated to UGC. The courts have also held that DNB certificates cannot be at par with certificates and degrees conferred by medical colleges and institutions which hold affiliation to appropriate bodies. The Government should immediately discontinue the practice as it is diluting the quality of medical education. I request the Minister to act immediately in this matter.